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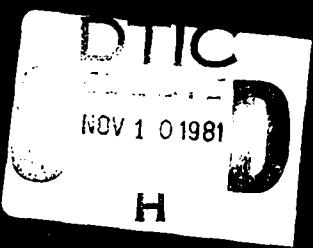
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## **AN AEROSOL DATA BASE FORMAT**

### **INTRODUCTION**

From past measurements we have a collection of aerosol-particle size distributions from sites that are coastal, open-sea, and inland. Because different field operations had different data requirements and because we learned as we went along, all the data in the collection were not in the same format. This made comparisons between data from different locations difficult because we had to customize the analysis computer programs for each set of data.

We reached a point where something had to be done to alleviate that situation. This report describes our solution to the problem—an aerosol standard format into which we have put all our data sets. This standard format allows us to use the same computer programs for analysis of all data sets.

We have sent the format description to British, Canadian and Australian representatives of JAG-9 of The Technical Cooperation Program. To facilitate data exchange, they have agreed to use this format as well.

The following information on our standard aerosol file structure is in four parts. First, a description of the parameters involved; second, a sample file; third, a program segment which can process the file; and fourth, an assortment of sample outputs from various programs that access the standard-format files.

### **FILE DESCRIPTION**

The file in Figure 1 can be divided into two subheadings. First is a header section which gives information about what is to be found in the file. The second section contains the data. In the file these two sections are, however, contiguous. Note that each line/record has 80 characters maximum so the file is card compatible.

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The first line in the file header in Figure 2 gives the program name which created the file (or another heading if that is not the case) and the date of creation. The date is always stored in the same format so that it can be accessed by program.

The second line in the file header tells what is to be found in the rest of the header and in the data. The number of lines in the header and the data sets are determined by the values of the parameters in this line, i.e., not all files will contain the same amount of information but this line allows the same program to access the different files.

In the parameter description below the four-digit numbers refer to the FORMAT line numbers found in the sample program in Figure 3.

FILE HEADER

9010

SITE	20-Character name of experiment.
NATRH	Number of air temperature-relative humidity pairs. 0 through 2. See 9060.
NWSWD	Number of windspeed-wind direction pairs. 0 through 2. See 9060.
NPROBE	Number of particle counters. 0 through 8. 15 channels per probe. See 9020 and 9070.
NSUMS	Value of 0 or 1 which designates whether the total number, cross section, and volume values for the distribution are included. 0 means they are not included.

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NMIE      Number of wavelengths at which calculated aerosol extinctions are given. See 9040.

SPARES      Four-character names of spare channels. See 9060.  
Six available.

9020

PROBES      Eight-character names of probes, e.g., ASAS-1, CSAS-2.  
Up to eight probes. Can indicate different ranges also.

9030

EDGES      Locations of the bin edges of the probes. Sixteen edges assumed. Zeros indicate no further edges.  
Values are for radius in micrometers.

9040

MIEW      Wavelengths at which aerosol extinctions are calculated.  
Values are in micrometers. Maximum of eleven.

MIENR      Real part of index of refraction used in extinction calculation. Correspond to values above.

MIENI      Imaginary part of index of refraction as above.

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DATA

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NYEAR	Integer value of (Year-1900).
NDAY	Numerical day of the year.
NTIME	Hour of day (e.g., 1320).
	At the <i>end</i> of period for averaged data.
MINAVG	Length of averaging time for the entry in minutes. Usual values are: 60, 30, 15, 12, 10, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, and 1.
SECAVG	Length of averaging time for entry in seconds. Will be nonzero only if averaging time is less than one minute.

9060

AT1, DP1	Air temperature and dewpoint at locations 1 and 2 in degrees Celsius.
WS1, WS2	Windspeeds in meters/second.
WD1, WD2	Wind direction in compass degrees.
SC1, SC2, SC3 SC4, SC5, SC6	Spare channels for miscellaneous pertinent data.
PPW1, PPW2	Partial pressure of water vapor in torr. (From DP or AT and RH.)
RH1, RH2	Relative humidity in percent.

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DNDR      Particle size distribution values from particle counter. Fifteen channels, NPROBE probes.  
Particles/cm<sup>3</sup>/μm.

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TNUM      Total number density given by the distribution.  
Particles per cc.

TAREA      Total geometric cross section presented by the distribution. μm<sup>2</sup>/cm<sup>3</sup>.

TVOL      Total volume density of particles in the distribution.  
μm<sup>3</sup>/cm<sup>3</sup>.

NOTE: These last three values can have meaning only if the DN/DR values form a single valued distribution. I.E. multirange results which overlap must be handled somehow.

9040

MIEEXT      Calculated values of aerosol extinction coefficients in km<sup>-1</sup> or the wavelengths given in MIEW. The note above pertains.

**PROGRAM SEGMENT**

The segment of a Fortran program in Figure 3 reads a file and writes a new file. We include it here to assure proper format structure.

**SAMPLE OUTPUTS**

Figures 4 through 7 give sample outputs from some of the programs that access the files.

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PROCESSED ON: 29-DEC-80									
AEROSOL DATA OVERFLIGHT					BP				
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0.1-0.5	0.457	0.457	0.510	0.570	0.630	0.690	0.755	0.830	0.870
0.1-0.5	1.700	2.650	3.650	4.250	5.500	6.450	7.400	7.400	15.000
0.1-0.5	0.560	0.560	1.060	1.610	2.2500	3.8000	5.3000	6.1500	14.050
0.4500	0.5500	0.5500	1.0600	1.6100	2.2500	3.8000	5.3000	6.1500	14.050
1.5-0.1	1.3330	1.3330	1.3260	1.3150	1.2900	1.3550	1.3150	1.2900	1.2180
0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
80	6.5 1.500 3.0	0	1.1-0.9	3.78	5.30	243.00	930.00	6.12	48.28
-6.0-0.1	-5.0-0.1	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5.7-0.1	6.3-0.1	9.27E-01	9.27E-01	5.68E-01	5.74E-01	2.01E-00	4.46E-01	4.01E-01	4.01E-01
0.00E-01	0.00E-01	3.55E-01	0.00E-01	6.63E-01	0.00E-01	0.00E-01	3.09E-01	3.09E-01	3.09E-01
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5.73E-01	5.73E-01	5.73E-05	2.34E-04	2.34E-05	2.34E-05	7.16E-05	2.34E-05	2.34E-05	2.34E-05
1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
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80	6.5 1.530 7.0	0	1.1-0.9	3.45	7.31	241.00	930.00	6.10	47.09
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2.66E-01	2.66E-01	2.66E-04	5.39E-04	5.34E-04	3.34E-04	2.67E-04	1.57E-04	1.57E-04	1.57E-04
0.00114	0.00114	0.00111	0.00111	0.00110	0.00099	0.00093	0.0007	0.0005	0.0005
80	6.5 1.400 3.0	0	1.1-0.9	3.45	7.56	238.00	930.30	6.00	5.97
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0.00E-01	0.00E-01	0.00E-01	0.00E-01	0.00E-01	0.00E-01	0.00E-01	0.00E-01	0.00E-01	0.00E-01
2.75E-02	2.75E-02	6.92E-04	4.30E-04	2.33E-04	1.19E-04	1.19E-04	1.19E-04	1.19E-04	1.19E-04
2.15E-04	2.15E-04	9.55E-05	1.43E-04	9.55E-05	9.55E-05	2.34E-05	1.19E-04	1.19E-04	1.19E-04
1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
0.00118	0.00117	0.00115	0.00115	0.00114	0.00114	0.00113	0.00111	0.00112	0.00110
80	6.5 1.430 3.0	0	1.1-0.9	3.45	8.63	236.00	930.20	6.00	5.82
-6.0-0.1	-5.0-0.1	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5.7-0.1	6.3-0.1	4.63E-01	3.04E-01	9.00E-01	5.05E-01	1.00E-01	9.27E-01	4.01E-01	4.01E-01
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4.06E-04	4.06E-04	3.31E-04	3.16E-04	2.63E-04	2.15E-04	2.15E-04	2.15E-04	2.34E-04	2.34E-04
1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
0.00110	0.00109	0.00107	0.00107	0.00106	0.00106	0.00105	0.00104	0.00104	0.00103

**Fig. 1** – FILE STRUCTURE

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PROGRAM A41KMH: AEROSOL DATA AVERAGING (PROCESSED ON 29-DEC-80)

NYEAR	NDAY	NTIME	NMINW	SECNG					
80	63	1500	30	0					
AT1	DP1	WS1	WD1	SC1	SC2	SC3	PPW1	RH1	
14.98	3.78	7.30	248.00	0.00	930.60	0.00	6.12	48.28	
AT2	DP2	WS2	WD2	SC4	SC5	SC6	PPW2	RH2	
-50.00	-50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
5.22E-01	2.32E-01	9.27E-00	6.00E-01	5.74E-01	2.01E-00	4.46E-01	4.01E-01		DNDR (J, 1) (J=1, 15)
0.00E-01	0.00E-01	3.35E-01	0.00E-01	6.64E-01	0.00E-01	3.09E-01			
2.23E-02	2.79E-03	5.01E-04	3.34E-04	2.33E-05	1.31E-04	7.16E-05	7.16E-05		DNDR (J, 2) (J=1, 15)
9.55E-05	7.16E-05	1.19E-04	2.39E-05	7.16E-05	2.39E-05	2.39E-05			
TNUM	TAREA	TVOL							NPROBE
1.7	0.6	3.3							
0.0013	0.0017	0.0011	0.0012	0.0010	0.0009	0.0002	0.0007	0.0007	MIEFEXT (M) (M=1...NMIE)

**Fig. 2 – Header structure**

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**Fig. 3 — Program segment**

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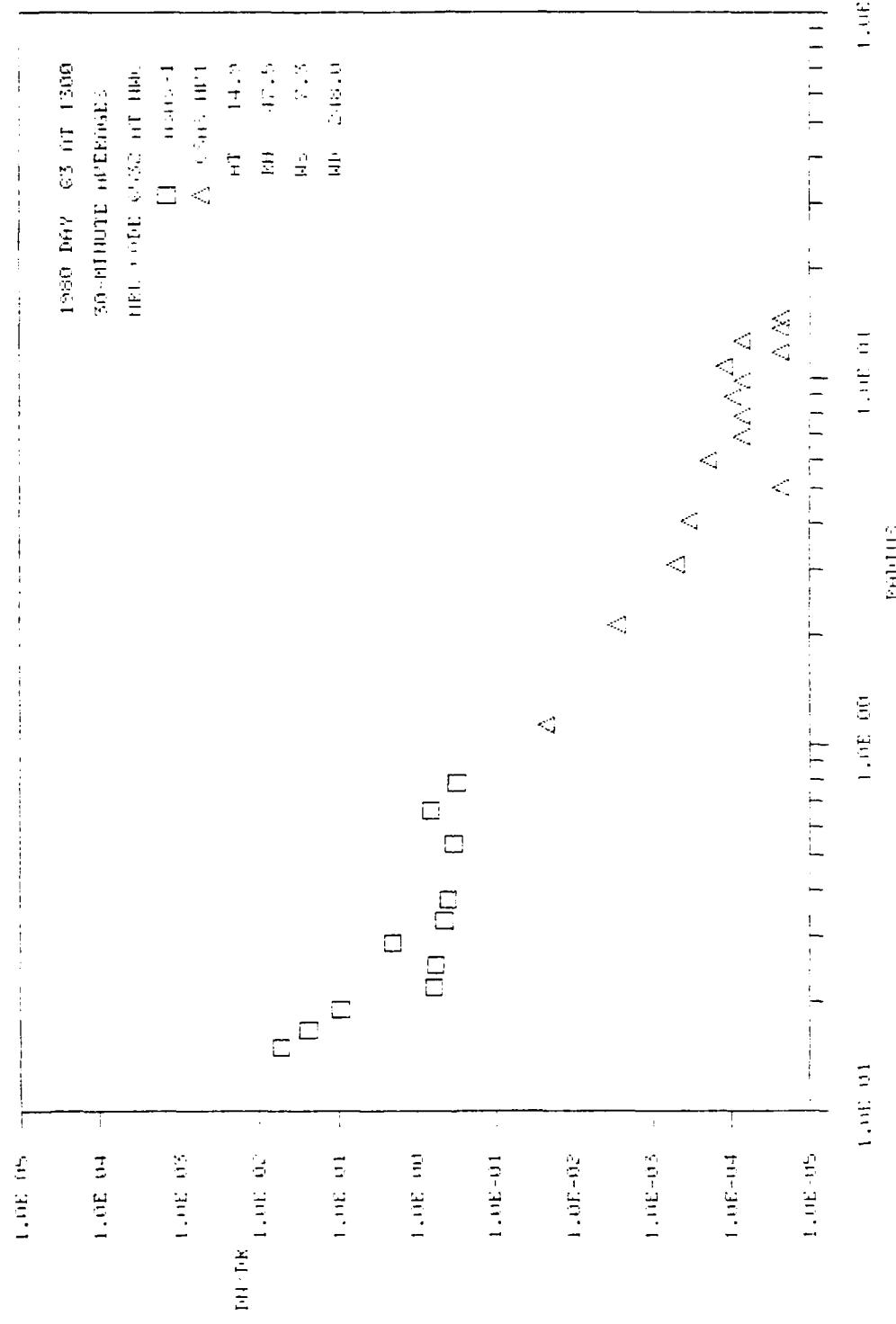


Fig. 4a – Sample A42NRL output. Particle size distribution

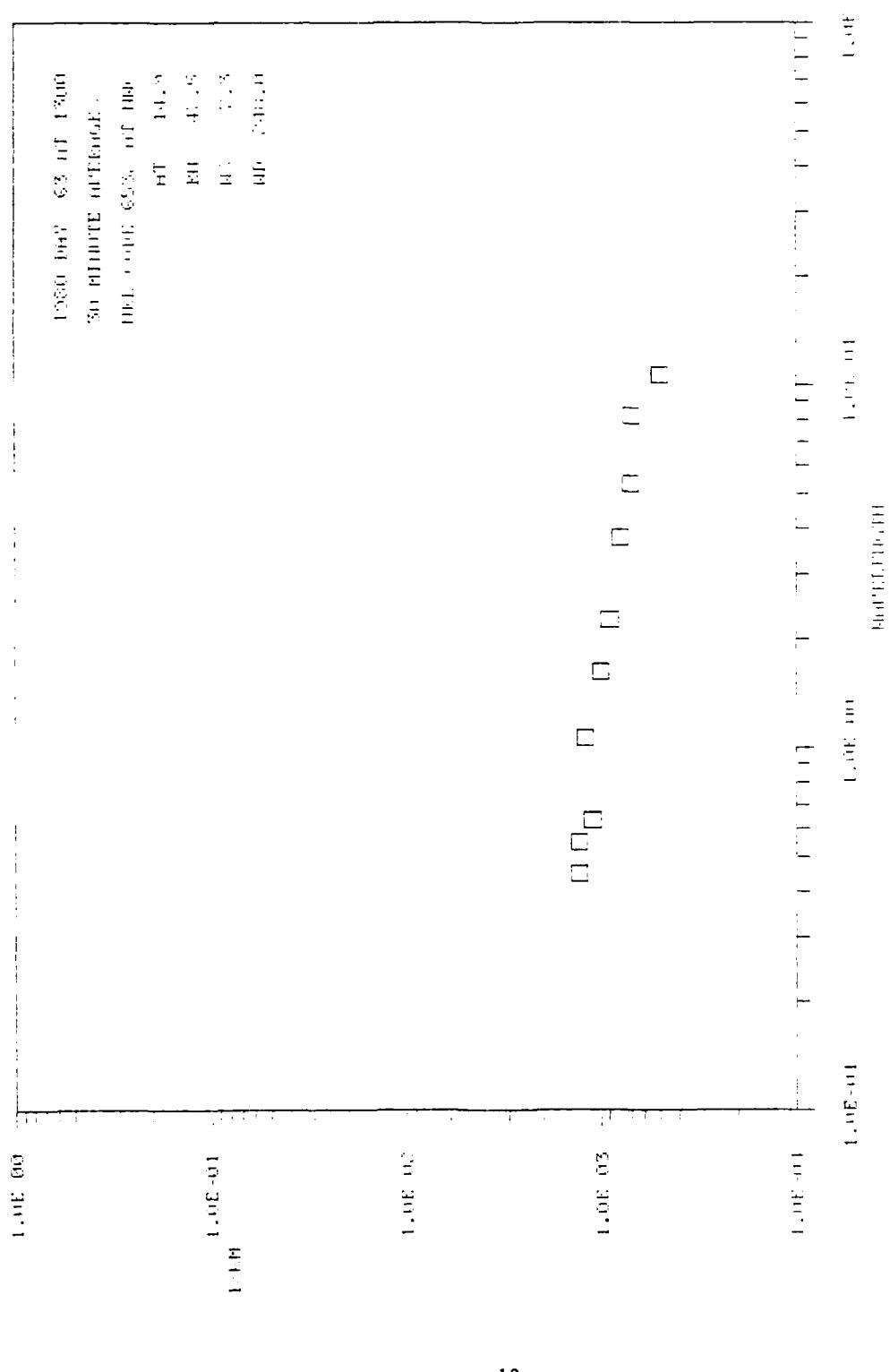


Fig. 4b — Sample A42NRL output. Aerosol extinction vs wavelength

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Fig. 5 = Sample of A48NRL output

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80 64	1800	9.48E 01	4.12E 01	3.47E 01	3.54E 01	7.89E 00	1.14E 00	5.01E 00	8.90E-01	5.01E-02	5.28E-02	1.19E-04	1.16E-04	1.16E-04	1.16E-04	
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80 66	2000	2.42E 02	9.59E 01	6.12E 01	7.09E 02	7.09E 01	1.58E 00	1.43E 00	3.74E 01	2.23E 01	4.75E-02	2.45E-03	6.13E-03	9.71E-04	9.71E-04	9.71E-04
80 67	2100	3.75E 02	1.03E 01	6.18F 00	1.03E 01	1.03E 01	1.03E 01	1.03E 01	6.27E 01	5.53E 01	5.89E-02	3.10E-03	1.91E-04	7.16E-05	7.16E-05	7.16E-05
80 68	2200	3.55E 01	1.12E 01	2.29E 00	6.27E 01	5.89E-02	3.10E-03	1.91E-04	7.16E-05	7.16E-05	7.16E-05					
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80 71	2000	3.75E 01	1.24E 01	6.56E 00	1.06E 00	1.58E 00	6.27E 01	3.23E 01								
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80 75	2000	2.83E 02	1.71E 02	1.08E 02	3.51E 02	5.61E 02										
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80 82	1900	3.47E 02	1.33E 02	6.72E 01	1.00E 01	4.88E 00	2.26E 00	1.49E 00								
80 83	2000	4.57E 02	1.11E 01	4.11E 01												
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80 86	2300	4.64E 02	2.11E 02	1.16E 02	5.65F 00	1.17E 00	2.01E 01	1.82E 02	1.82E 02	1.82E 02						
80 87	1900	4.26E 02	1.63L 01	3.63E 01	1.12E 00	2.01E 01	1.82E 02	2.37E 03	5.01E 04	5.01E 04						
80 88	2000	7.02E 02	1.03E 01													
80 89	2100	1.03E 03	9.21E 02	6.83E 02	1.37E 02	5.02E 01	2.46E 01	1.03E 01	6.21E 01	5.65E 02	6.25E 02					

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Fig. 6 - Sample of A49NRL output

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**Fig. 6 (Continued) – Sample of A49NR output**

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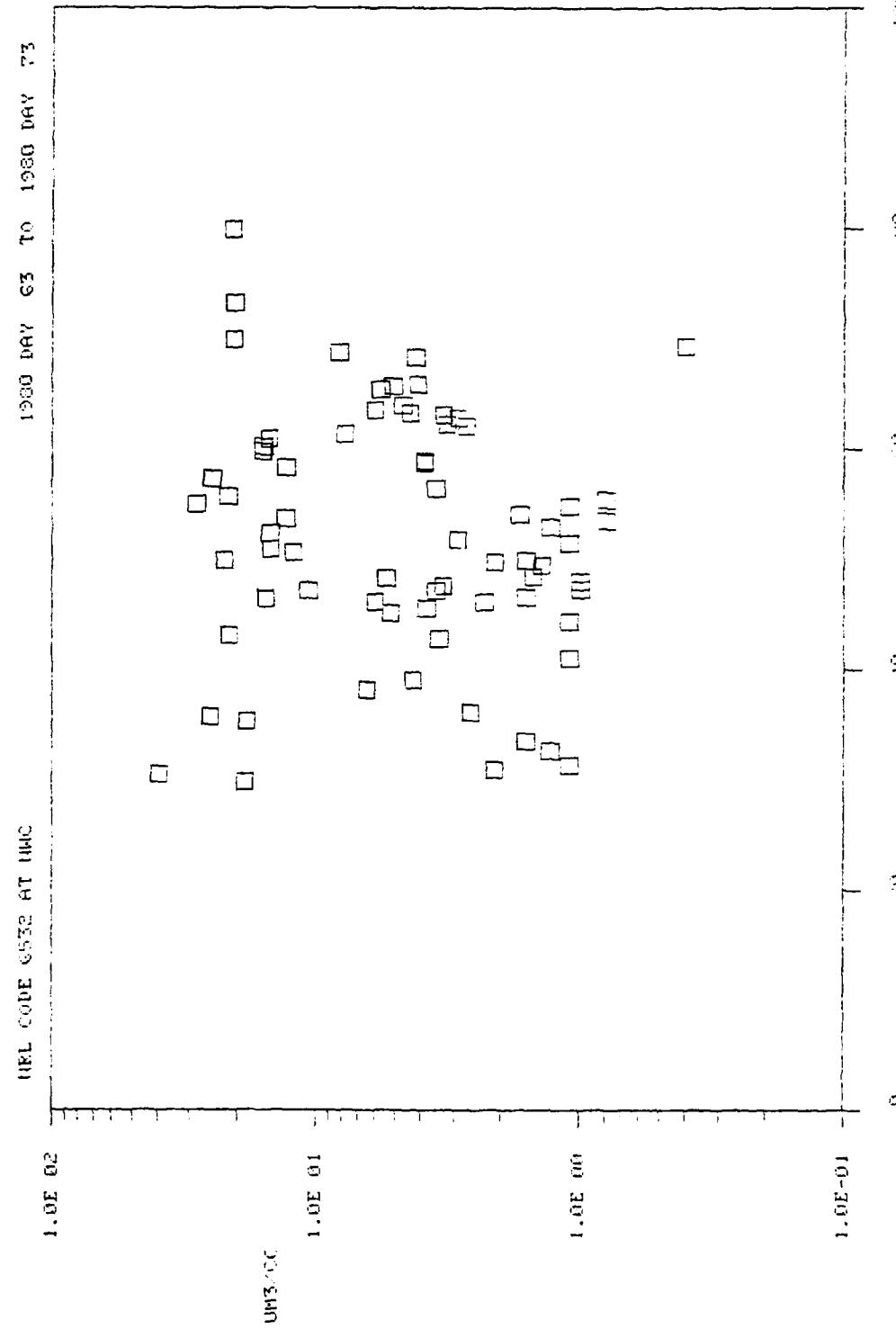


Fig. 7a — Sample of AS2NRL output. Total volume density vs relative humidity

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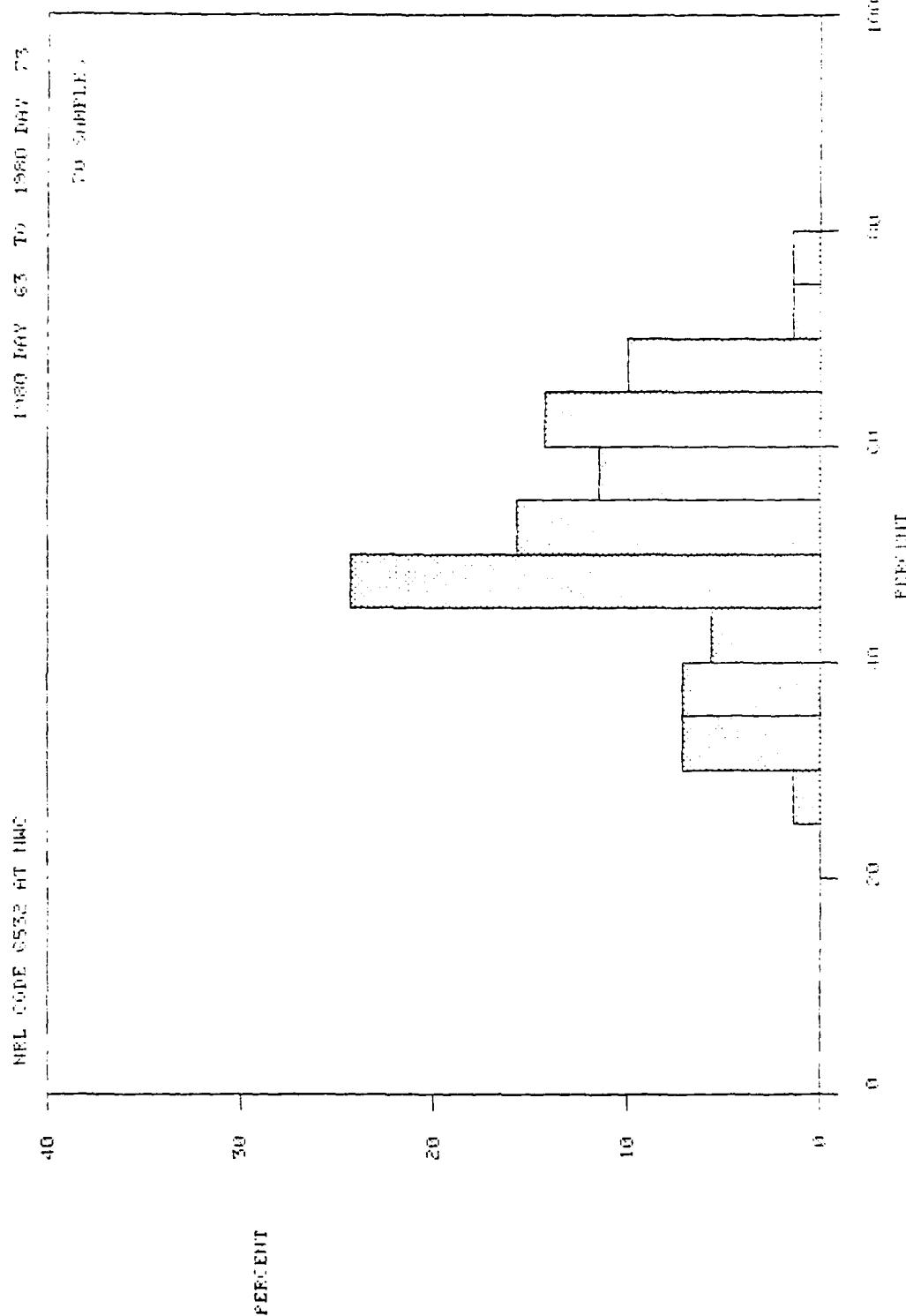


Fig. 7b - Sample AS2NRL output. Frequency of occurrence of relative humidity

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